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Mr. Phillip R. Smith  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter confirms our conversation on May 20, 1985 regarding the status of the remedial investigation being performed by CH<sub>2</sub>M Hill and its contractors. As we discussed, the Agency is in the process of concluding intense negotiations with the Reilly Tar Corporation and these negotiations are being coordinated by a Special Master assigned to the case by the Court. As a result of the settlement efforts made by all litigants and for the purpose of mitigating current and future Governmental costs that would otherwise be chargeable through the litigation process to the Reilly Tar Corporation, the Agency requests that you stop work on the existing remedial investigation for this site as soon as possible. Thereafter, the contract should remain effective for a short period of time until all outstanding issues are settled by the parties involved in the litigation. If total settlement is not imminent with the Reilly Tar Corporation and there is a need to start work again, I realize that there will be a lag-time necessary on part of the contractors performing the investigation at the site.

Your efforts and response to our needs regarding the Reilly Tar project/case have been notable and recognized by the project and litigation team. I appreciate your help and will keep you frequently informed of the status of the negotiations.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Bitter  
Remedial Project Manager

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